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1. There are no garrisons of Rumanian troops in Arad and Timisoara. The only Rumanian forces in these cities are frontier guards, a battalion at Arad and a regiment at Timisoara. Most of these units are in fact deployed along the neighboring frontier with Yugoslavia.
2. Both cities are strongly garrisoned with Soviet forces. These troops are confined to barracks and are rarely given passes to enter the cities. They are permitted in Timisoara and Arad only after nightfall and all saloons have been placed off limits to them. In order to secure liquor, Soviet soldiers in these areas obtain alcohol by purchase or barter with items of food from their rations and make their own.

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